

# DIARY LOVES

*Glimpses into the intimate secrets of girls in love*

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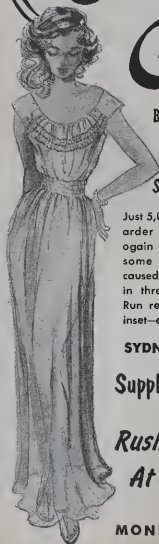


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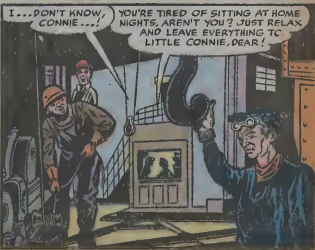
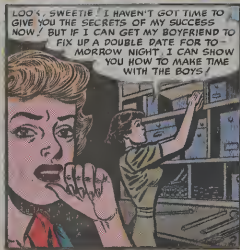
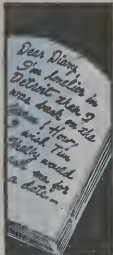
# One Reckless Evening

YOU'RE GETTING SMART, AUDREY! FINALLY LEARNING ABOUT MEN!

"How do you expect Tim Shelby to notice you? He won't waste his time with a sweet, innocent country hick! Let me teach you something about guys like him!" I listened...and then, starved for romance, I took the dangerous advice of a girl who never lacked for dates...a girl who knew what men wanted!

MAYBE I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED ABOUT AUDREY.





I had my first date in the big city! Of course, I would have been much more thrilled if Tim had asked me to go out with him, but this was a chance to find out why Connie was the most-dated girl at the plant!



The sight of Tim sent a wave of strange emotions surging through me! Terrified, I remembered the advice Connie gave me, and I worked hard to imitate her! Later...



Imitating Connie's brassy manners, her provocative poses, her loud voice, I assumed that Tim was being impressed with my "sophistication." If only I could have seen how pathetically cheap I looked!

ON YOUR FEET, KIDS! THIS JOINT'S TOO DEAD FOR ME!

ME, TOO! LET'S GO!

YOU'RE DOIN' GREAT, AUDREY!

ARE YOU SURE? SOMEHOW... HE LOOKS A LITTLE... DISGUSTED!

WELL, SO MAYBE HE'S A DEAD HEAD! BUT HE'S CUTE AND HE'LL COME TO LIFE WHEN YOU GET HIM ALONE!

I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT!

And hours later when we ended our tour of shoddy cafes at Connie's apartment!

C'MON OVER HERE WHERE THE PEOPLE LIVE, CONNIE!

JUST MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME, KIDS!

I GUESS WE... PROVIDE OUR OWN ENTERTAINMENT, EH?

UHUH! IT LOOKS LIKE OUR HOSTESS IS TOO BUSY TO ORGANIZE A GAME OF CHARADES!

I GUESS... WE FOLLOW THE HOSTESS'S EXAMPLE, HMM?

WHY, I... I DON'T KNOW, TIM...

WHY NOT?

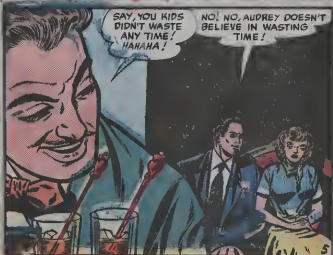
OH, WHY DOES HE HAVE TO BE LIKE RALPH AND CONNIE? I WANT HIM TO KISS ME BUT NOT HERE... NOT THIS WAY!

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Yes, I had longed to know the thrill of Tim's lips on mine, but it had been such a romantic daydream! But this was shabby, somehow...and I shuddered as Tim pulled me closer to him!



I had expected Tim's kiss to be gentle and sweet, but instead, it was a passionate, consuming flame that took possession of my senses!





There was an unmistakable tinge of sarcasm in Tim's voice that made me feel unwholesome and ashamed! And when the evening ended...



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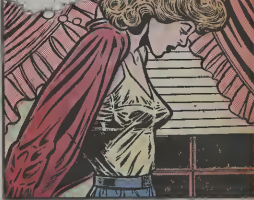
And late that night...

SOBE! WHY DIDN'T IT ALL HAPPEN THE WAY I'D HOPED IT WOULD? SOBE! I FEEL TARNISHED AND CHEAP!



Confusion churned inside me, making sleep impossible! Tim's kiss still burned on my lips, yet I hated myself for it... and wished I could hate him!

I CAN'T HATE TIM! I NEVER WANTED ANYONE'S LOVE THE WAY I WANT HIS NOW!



But on Monday morning...

HI, TIM! I HOPE YOU DIDN'T HAVE TROUBLE FINDING YOUR WAY HOME AFTER YOU LEFT ME! THOSE WINDING STREETS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD ARE...

I MANAGED, THANKS!

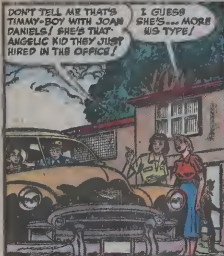


WELL, GET HIM! TALK ABOUT A BRUSH-OFF!

MAYBE I DESERVED IT, CONNIE. MAYBE I...TOOK YOUR ADVICE TOO SERIOUSLY!



And as if Timmy curly had not been pained enough, he gave me another reason to be miserable later that afternoon.



DON'T TELL ME THAT'S TIMMY-BOY WITH JOAN DANIELS! SHE'S THAT ANGELIC KID THEY JUST HIRED IN THE OFFICE!

I GUESS SHE'S... MORE HIS TYPE!



COULD BE! RALPH DIDN'T KNOW HIM VERY WELL, Y'KNOW! HE JUST ASKED HIM TO COME ALONG SATURDAY NIGHT BECAUSE HE COULDN'T GET ANYBODY ELSE ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE!

THEN... HE WAS AS OUT OF PLACE ON THAT DATE AS I WAS!



AND HE THINKS... OH, I KNOW WHAT HE THINKS OF ME!

AW, WELL, YOU SHOULD WORRY! LOTS OF GUYS LIKE A GOOD-TIME GIRL WHEN THEY STEP OUT! AND WHEN THEY GET SERIOUS, THEY ALWAYS PICK THAT QUIET, MOUSY TYPE!



BUT I'M NOT A...GOOD-TIME GIRL!

YOU DO ALL RIGHT FOR Y'SELF, MONEY! I CAN GET YOU PLENTY OF OTHER BOY-FRIENDS!

How I could explain to her that I didn't want "plenty of other boy-friends"! It was Tim I wanted... Tim that I loved!



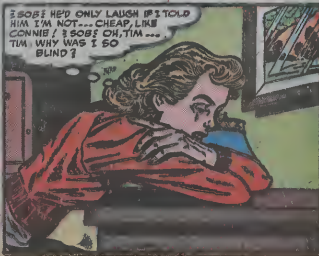
IT'S TOO LATE NOW! SOBE! IT'S TOO LATE!

WELL I'LL BE DARNED! I CAN'T FIGURE YOU OUT, SISTER!



And that evening...

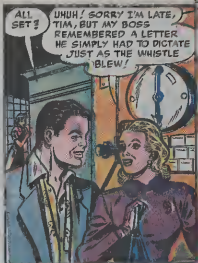
IT USED TO BE LONELY HERE, SPENDING EVERY EVENING ALONE! BUT IT'S WORSE NOW!



SOBE! HE'D ONLY LAUGH IF I TOLD HIM I'M NOT... CHEAP, LIKE CONNIE! SOBE! OH, TIM... TIM, WHY WAS I SO BLIND?



That one peckless evening... that one tragic mistake, was to torment me for days afterward!



ALL SET?

UHH! SORRY I'M LATE, TIM, BUT MY BOSS REMEMBERED A LETTER HE SIMPLY HAD TO DICTATE JUST AS THE WHISTLE BLEW!



HI, BABY! SAY, THERE'S A GUY IN MY DEPARTMENT THAT'S JUST DYIN' TO MEET YOU! HOW'S ABOUT MY FIXING UP AN-OTHER DOUBLE DATE?



WELL, DON'T GET SORE! THIS GUY REALLY KNOWS HOW TO SHOW A GIRL A GOOD TIME! THINK IT OVER, KID!

I'VE HAD... PLENTY OF TIME TO THINK IT OVER!

Then, weeks later, when I had no more tears left to shed!

AUDREY! I... WAS JUST WONDERING IF YOU WERE DOING ANYTHING TONIGHT?

NO, I... I'M NOT, TIM!



MIND IF I STOP FOR YOU ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK?

OF COURSE NOT! I'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!



GOOD DEAL! DON'T FORGET NOW!

HE'S STILL INTERESTED IN ME! I'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO SHOW HIM I'M NOT THE KIND OF GIRL HE THINKS I AM!

But that evening...

WHERE'LL WE GO? HOW ABOUT... SOME OF THE PLACES WE TOOK IN WITH CONNIE AND RALPH THAT NIGHT?

UHH!

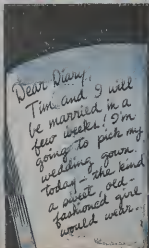
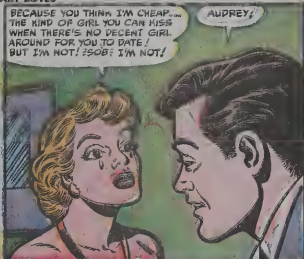


AUDREY! WHAT'S WRONG? I FIGURED THAT'S WHAT YOU'D ENJOY!

YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO THINK THAT, I SUPPOSE! LET'S JUST FORGET IT, TIM!



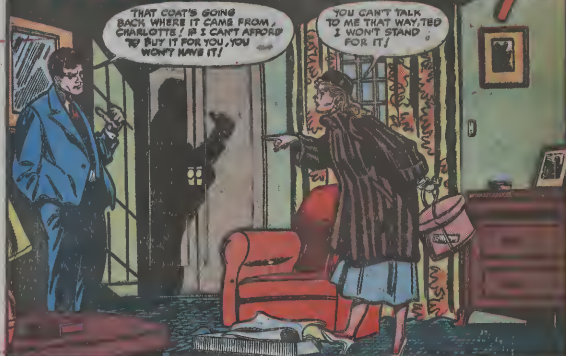
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TO ME, MARRIAGE WAS ALL SWEETNESS AND LIGHT, AND TED'S LOVE WAS JUST ANOTHER POSSESSION THAT WOULD BE MINE WITHOUT STRUGGLE AND SACRIFICE! FOR I'D ALWAYS HAD WHAT I'D WANTED, AND HOW WAS I TO KNOW THAT A MAN'S PRIDE WILL NOT ALLOW HIS WIFE TO BASK IN LUXURIES HE CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY FOR HER! YES, I HAD A LOT TO LEARN AND BITTER TEARS WERE THE TUITION I PAID IN THE...

# School for Marriage



THAT COAT'S GOING BACK WHERE IT CAME FROM, CHARLOTTE! IF I CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY IT FOR YOU, YOU WON'T HAVE IT!

YOU CAN'T TALK TO ME THAT WAY, TED! I WON'T STAND FOR IT!

Dear Diary-  
Ted's gotten that sales job with the Broomer Insurance Company! We're going to be married in two weeks.

I KNOW IT'S SHORT NOTICE AND OF COURSE IT MEANS MOVING TO CINCINNATI, DARLING, BUT WE'LL BE HAPPY ANYWHERE, WON'T WE?

I'D BE HAPPY WITH YOU ANYWHERE, TED!



OH, I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL AUNT RHEA WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED!

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, CHARLOTTE! I WANT TO SHOUT IT FROM THE HOUSE-TOPS!



Ted  
WASN'T  
PREPARED  
FOR AUNT  
RHEA! A  
WEALTHY  
SPINSTER,  
MY AUNT  
HAD  
ALWAYS  
SKOWERED  
ME WITH  
EVERY-  
THING  
MONEY  
COULD  
BUY  
AND MY  
WEDDING  
WAS  
HER  
CHANCE  
TO  
SPURGE!

BUT THERE ISN'T TIME  
TO PLAN AN ELABORATE  
WEDDING! BESIDES,  
WHERE'S THE MONEY  
GOING TO COME  
FROM?

YOU  
CHILDREN  
JUST  
LEAVE  
EVERYTHING  
TO ME!



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BUT YOU  
CAN'T TAKE  
CARE OF ALL  
THE BILLS  
AND...

IT'S THE  
BRIDE'S  
FAMILY THAT  
ALWAYS DOES  
THAT TED! AND  
I'M THE ONLY  
FAMILY  
CHARLOTTE  
HAS!



I JUST LOVE MAKING  
HER HAPPY! JUST  
THINK HOW THRILLED  
SHE'LL BE HONEY-  
MOONING AT  
PEBBLE POINT  
LODGE!

PEBBLE  
POINT? WHY IT  
COSTS A  
FORTUNE  
TO STAY  
THERE! WE'RE  
GOING TO MY  
SISTER'S SUM-  
MER COTTAGE  
AT LAKE  
CHAMPION!



NONSENSE, MY BOY! YOU  
WOULDN'T DENY ME THE  
PLEASURE OF TREATING YOU...  
NOT WHEN IT MEANS SO MUCH  
TO ME!

AUNT RHEA,  
YOU'RE AN  
ANGEL!



5  
PACIFIED  
TED,  
REMINING  
HIM THAT  
IT MADE  
AUNT RHEA  
HAPPY TO  
DO THINGS  
FOR US! BUT  
THE WORST  
BLOW CAME  
SOON  
AFTER  
OUR  
LAVISH  
WEDDING  
CEREMONY,  
TWO YEARS  
LATER!

C'MON, DARLING! NOW  
I'VE GOT A SURPRISE  
FOR YOU!

SCOOT OUT HERE...  
NO ONE KNOWS  
WE'VE LEFT BUT  
AUNT RHEA!



LOOK! NOT NEW,  
BUT SHE'S ALL OURS!  
I TRADED MY OLD  
HEAP ON THIS DANDY  
'47 MODEL!

TED,  
IT'S  
GRAND!



CHARLOTTE! TED,  
OH, I WAS SO  
AFRAID YOU'D  
LEAVE WITHOUT  
MY WEDDING  
PRESENT!

BUT YOU'VE  
ALREADY  
GIVEN US  
THE SILVER  
SERVICE  
AND...



BUT I WANTED TO BUY YOU  
SOMETHING YOU'D REALLY  
ENJOY! THERE IT IS...  
AND I'VE EVEN HAD  
THOMAS TRANSFER  
YOUR LUGGAGE!

OH, NO!  
YOU...  
DIDN'T!





OF COURSE I WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE NEW CONVERTIBLE! TED MANAGED TO STAMMER OUT HIS THANKS AND WE DROVE OFF! BUT I COULDN'T HELP SEEING THE GRIM, STRAINED EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE!

ISN'T IT GORGEOUS, TED?

YEAH! SURE! IT'S GREAT!



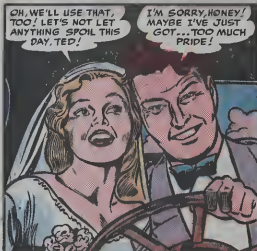
WELL, YOU COULD SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION A LITTLE MORE!

FORGET IT! IT WAS A LET-DOWN, THOUGH, AFTER MY SCRAMPLING FOR THREE MONTHS TO BE ABLE TO BUY THAT OTHER CAR!



OH, WE'LL USE THAT, TOO! LET'S NOT LET ANYTHING SPOIL THIS DAY, TED!

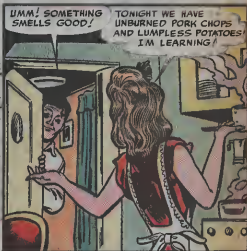
I'M SORRY, HONEY! MAYBE I'VE JUST GOT... TOO MUCH PRIDE!



There WAS NOTHING ELSE TO MAR OUR WONDERFUL HONEYMOON, AND THOUGH THE SIMPLE APARTMENT AND TIME-PAYMENT PLAN FURNITURE WE BOUGHT FOR IT IN CINCINNATI WERE FAR FROM LAVISH, I WAS A HAPPY BRIDE!

UMM! SOMETHING SMELLS GOOD!

TONIGHT WE HAVE UNBURNED PORK CHOPS AND LUMPS OF POTATOES! I'M LEARNING!



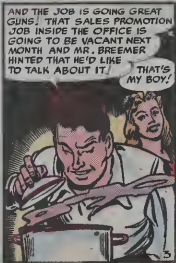
LIKE IT, DARLING? LIKE BEING PLAIN OLD MRS. GARNER?

OH, TED... I... I DIDN'T THINK PEOPLE COULD BE THIS HAPPY!



AND THE JOB IS GOING GREAT GUNS. THAT SALES PROMOTION JOB INSIDE THE OFFICE IS GOING TO BE VACANT NEXT MONTH AND MR. BREEMER HINTED THAT HE'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT!

THAT'S MY BOY!



FACT IS, HE AND MRS. BREEMER ASKED US TO HAVE DINNER WITH THEM AT THE GOURMET TWO WEEKS FROM TONIGHT!

BOTH OF US?



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UH-HUH! SEEMS HE LIKES TO KNOW THE EMPLOYEES PERSONALLY! "A MAN IS ONLY AS SUCCESSFUL AS HIS WIFE MAKES HIM", UNQUOTE!

MRS. BEEMER WILL PROBABLY MAKE ME LOOK LIKE SOMEBODY'S POOR RELATION!



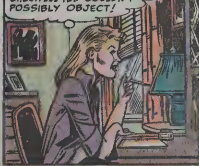
I'LL HAVE TO GET SOMETHING DECENT TO WEAR!

SILLY! YOU'VE GOT A CLOSET FULL OF CLOTHES! ANYWAY MR. BEEMER KNOWS WHAT I EARN... HE WON'T EXPECT YOU TO LOOK LIKE MRS. ASTORBIT!



BUT MY DESIRE TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON THE BEEMERS COULD NOT BE DISMISSED THAT LIGHTLY!

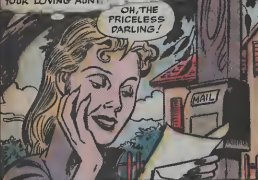
AUNT RHEA TALKED ABOUT BUYING ME A MINK COAT FOR MY BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK! IF I JUST HINTED THAT I'D LIKE A CHECK... TED COULDN'T POSSIBLY OBJECT!



And, AS ALWAYS, AUNT RHEA CAME THROUGH WITH FLYING COLORS!

... AND THIS SHOULD HELP YOU IMPRESS THE BEEMERS PROPERLY! LOVE AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR LOVING AUNT.

OH, THE PRICELESS DARLING!



NEVER ENJOYED A SHOPPING SPREE MORE! AND WHEN TED CAME TO PICK ME UP THE NIGHT OF OUR DATE WITH HIS BOSS!

C'MON, SWEETHEART! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE LATE!

ONE SECOND! ALL RIGHT, OPEN YOUR EYES!



LIKE ME?

CHARLOTTE! WHERE DID YOU GET THAT OUTFIT?



NEVER MIND! I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE. AND YOU CAN SEND IT RIGHT BACK TO YOUR PRECIOUS AUNT RHEA! TELL HER MY WIFE CAN'T AFFORD A MINK COAT!

TED YOU DON'T MEAN THAT!



WE'VE GOT TO BE ON TIME TONIGHT! AND I'M WEARING WHAT I'VE GOT ON!

SO AM I! THE SAME SUIT I'VE BEEN WEARING TO WORK EVERY DAY!



ON SILENCE, WE DROVE TO KEEP OUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE BREEMERS! AND I'LL NEVER FORGET MY SHOCK AS I MET MRS. BREEMER, A WOMAN AS SIMPLY DRESSED AND UNPRETENTIOUS AS ANY HOUSEWIFE I'D EVER MET!



WELL, GARNER! YOU DIDN'T TELL US YOUR WIFE WAS A GLAMOUR GIRL!

NOW, GEORGE, DON'T EMBARRASS THEM!

Later...

REALLY, THAT IS A LOVELY COAT MY DEAR! ALWAYS DREAMED OF HAVING ONE LIKE IT, BUT WITH THREE GIRLS IN COLLEGE AND BUSINESS AS TRICKY AS IT'S BEEN... WELL, YOU KNOW!

Y-YES, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!



HEAVENS, WITH WHAT THINGS COST THESE DAYS, I'M THINKING OF SEWING MY CLOTHES, AND THINGS FOR THE CHILDREN MYSELF!

I FEEL SO CONSPICUOUS! IF SHE WASN'T SO PLEASANT ABOUT IT, I'D DIE OF EMBARRASSMENT!



And WHEN THE TORMENT FINALLY ENDED!

...AND YOU'VE PROBABLY NOTICED I RUN THE BUSINESS ON A RATHER PERSONAL BASIS! TRY TO BOOST THE MAN WHO'S LIKELY TO APPRECIATE IT MOST!

I DON'T QUITE FOLLOW YOU, MR. BREEMER!



FRANKLY, I HAD YOU IN MIND FOR THIS PROMOTION! BUT PHIL SHAEFFER HAS A BIG FAMILY... AND A FELLOW LIKE YOU WITH AN OUTSIDE INCOME WOULDN'T BE AFFECTED AS BADLY AS HE WOULD IF YOU DIDN'T GET THE JOB!

OUTSIDE INCOME?



NOW, WE BOTH KNOW YOU COULDN'T AFFORD SOME OF THE...ER... LUXURIES YOU OWN ON YOUR PRESENT INCOME! AH...GOOD-NIGHT, MRS. GARNER! IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE!

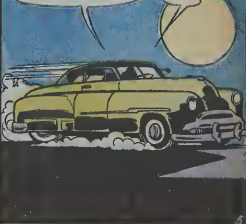
G-GOOD NIGHT, MR. BREEMER!



What COULD I SAY TO TED? DIS-APPOINTMENT WAS WRITTEN ALL OVER HIS FACE AND HE BARELY SPOKE TO ME ON THE WAY HOME!

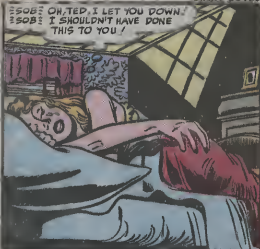
TED, I...I'M SORRY! I'M TRULY SORRY!

FORGET IT!

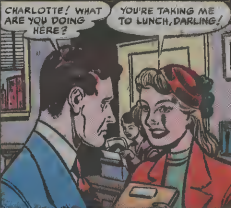




IN THE DARKNESS OF OUR ROOM I STIFLED MY GOBS UNTIL I KNEW TED HAD FINALLY DROPPED INTO A FITFUL SLEEP! THEN, AS THE TEARS FLOWED UNCHECKED, I REALIZED THE PRICE MY VANITY HAD COST ME!



BUT MY COURSE OF ACTION WAS CLEAR THE NEXT MORNING! I WAS AT TED'S OFFICE BY LUNCHTIME, WITH MY JOB COMPLETED!



BUT YOU DIDN'T EVEN MENTION COMING DOWN-TOWN TODAY!

ERRANDS, DARLING! THE FURRIER WAS VERY SWEET ABOUT TAKING BACK THE COAT AND THEN I HAD TO MAKE OUT AND MAIL A BANK DRAFT TO AUNT RHEA---!



CHARLOTTE!

I WROTE HER EVERYTHING DEAR AS GENTLY AS I COULD! SOMETHING TELLS ME SHE'LL SEND HAND-KERCHIEFS FOR MY NEXT BIRTH-DAY!



And LATER...

BELIEVE ME, DARLING, WE'LL BE ABLE TO AFFORD THOSE THINGS YOU WANT! MR. BREEMER TOLD ME PHIL'S ASKED FOR A TRANSFER AND THAT JOB IS STILL OPEN!

I... HEARD ABOUT THAT, DEAR!



MRS. BREEMER TOLD ME WHEN I PHONED THIS MORNING... TO TELL HER THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR "EXTRA INCOME"!

THAT WASN'T EASY TO DO WAS IT DEAR? NO WONDER I LOVE YOU!



THAT'S ALL I WANT, TED! NOTHING IS IMPORTANT IF I DON'T HAVE YOUR LOVE!

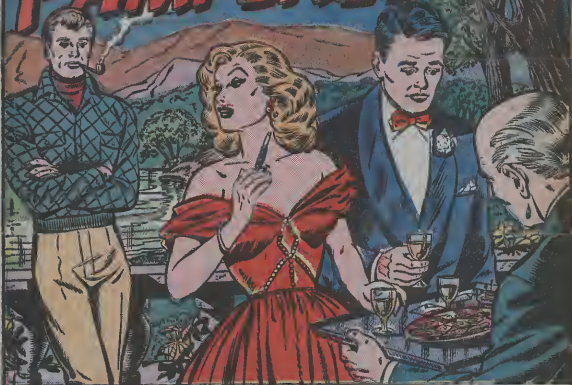
JUST KEEP BELIEVING THAT, HONEY, AND I'LL MAKE THE GRADE! ONE OF THESE DAYS AUNT RHEA AND SANTA CLAUS WILL BOTH LOOK LIKE PIKERS!



You can't destroy a man's pride and hope for his love. Ted and I are gloriously happy now... because I've learned that lesson

JUST TODAY I WAS LOOKING AT MY DIARY AND IT MADE ME REALIZE HOW LOVE CAN WORK MIRACLES! I THOUGHT OF HOW I USED TO BE... JUST A PRETTY THING LIKE AN OBJECT OF ART TO BE PROTECTED AND ADMIRER! AND HOW I CHANGED AFTER I MET A MAN WHO DISLIKED GIRLS WHO WERE...

# PAMPERED



THIS WAS THE FIRST ENTRY I READ...

Dear Diary -  
We are leaving tomorrow for a vacation at Lakeview Manor at Mother and daddy and Wayne and I. Since dad insists upon going fishing, I picked this place because it's more fishable. And of course, I always...

WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW MANOR, MR. PHILLIPS!

LET ME HELP YOU, GLORIA DEAR.



ARE YOU VERY  
TIRED FROM  
THE TRIP?

A LITTLE! BUT I'LL TAKE  
MY BEAUTY NAP LATER  
ON!

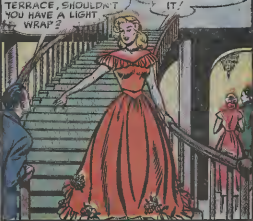


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*Wayne*  
FARNSWORTH  
WAS MY  
FIANCE  
AND CAME  
FROM A VERY  
PROPER  
FAMILY!  
HE WAS  
ALMOST  
WORSE  
THAN MY  
PARENTS  
WHEN IT  
CAME TO  
CATERING  
TO MY  
WHIMS! THEY  
ALL TREATED  
ME AS IF  
I WERE  
SOMETHING  
FRAGILE  
AND  
DELICATE!

GLORIA, DEAR, YOU LOOK  
BEAUTIFUL! BUT SINCE  
WE'RE GOING TO THE  
TERRACE, SHOULDN'T  
YOU HAVE A LIGHT  
WRAP?

YES, WAYNE! I  
PUT IT ON THE BED  
AND THEN FORGOT  
IT!



HERE'S THE KEY  
TO MY SUITE! WILL  
YOU GET IT FOR  
ME, DARLING?

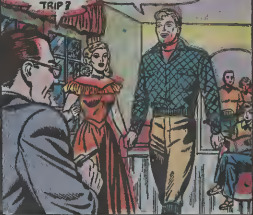
OF COURSE I WILL! YOU  
WAIT HERE-AND I'LL BE  
RIGHT BACK!



*It*  
WAS  
WHILE I  
WAS WAIT-  
ING FOR  
WAYNE THAT  
I WALKED  
ACROSS  
THE LOBBY  
AND SAW  
HIM! THE  
MAN WHO  
LATER  
CHANGED  
MY LIFE!  
HIS NAME  
WAS  
BRAD  
NORTON!

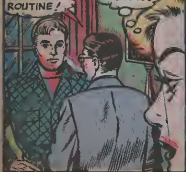
HELLO, BRAD! JUST  
GET BACK FROM  
YOUR PORTAGE  
TRIP?

THIS VERY MINUTE!  
WHAT'S ON TAP FOR  
TOMORROW?



A PARTY HERE  
WANTS AN OUTING  
ON THE ISLAND!  
GO IN CANOES,  
HAVE LUNCH -  
COOKED OVER AN  
OPEN FIRE! YOU  
KNOW THE  
ROUTINE!

HE MUST BE  
A GUIDE!  
ONLY I  
NEVER  
EXPECTED  
TO SEE ONE  
SO HAND-  
SOME!



PARDON ME BUT  
DID I HEAR YOU  
SAY THAT PICNIC  
PARTIES CAN  
BE ARRANGED  
HERE? FOR THE  
ISLAND?

YES, IF YOU'LL  
LET US KNOW  
A DAY OR TWO  
AHEAD OF TIME!  
I PRESUME  
YOU'D WANT A  
GUIDE!

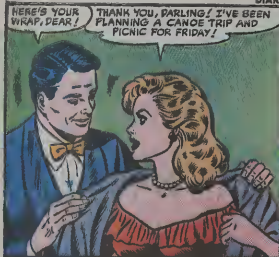


BY ALL MEANS! WE'LL  
MAKE IT FOR FRIDAY,  
IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE!

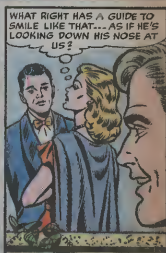
YES!M!  
THAT'LL  
BE  
FINE!



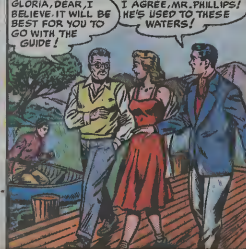




THIS DAY, I DON'T KNOW WHY I WANTED TO TAKE THAT CANOE TRIP! CERTAINLY, I WAS FAR FROM THE OUTDOOR TYPE! AND I CERTAINLY COULDN'T HAVE CONSIDERED GIVING UP WAYNE FOR ANYONE WHO WAS JUST A BACK WOODSMAN! IN FACT, A BIT LATER...



At ANY RATE, I MADE THE PLANS FOR FRIDAY! MOTHER DIDN'T WANT TO GO, SO I DIDN'T INSIST UPON IT! IN FACT, IT SEEMED BETTER THAT WAY, BECAUSE...



# DIARY LOVES

Yes, I WAS A PETTED AND PAMPERED DARLING! I LIKED PEOPLE TO WORK FOR ME AND PAY ATTENTION TO ME! ONLY I DIDN'T GET MUCH ATTENTION FROM BRAD NORTON, THAT MORNING!



DON'T YOU EVER TALK? SOMETIMES, ONLY IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO CARRY ON A CONVERSATION WHEN YOU'RE PADDLING A CANOE!



BESIDES, I'VE BEEN WATCHING THE SKY! LOOKS AS IF WE MIGHT HAVE A STORM! MAYBE YOU'D RATHER TURN BACK!

I MOST CERTAINLY WOULD NOT!



I WANTED THIS OUTING AND I INSIST UPON HAVING IT.

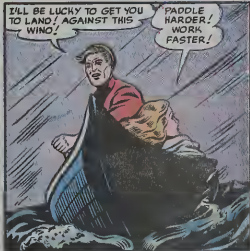
IT'S OKAY WITH ME ONLY YOU MAY GET WET! I WASN'T SURE YOU'D LIKE THAT.

I WASN'T WORRIED BECAUSE, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED, THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF ME! BUT A FEW MINUTES LATER, I WAS PRACTICALLY IN A PANIC! WE WERE NEAR THE ISLAND WHEN THE STORM STRUCK!



THIS IS A BAD ONE! NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT AROUND HERE!

HURRY! GET ME TO A SHELTER!



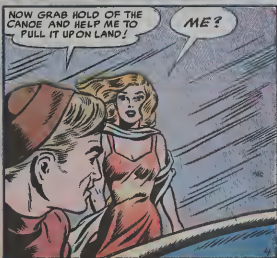
I'LL BE LUCKY TO GET YOU TO LAND! AGAINST THIS WIND!

PADDLE HARDER! WORK FASTER!



MADE IT! I'LL HOLD THE CANOE WHILE YOU GET OUT!

THE SOONER, THE BETTER! YOU DIDN'T SAY WE'D HAVE A STORM LIKE THIS!



NOW GRAB HOLD OF THE CANOE AND HELP ME TO PULL IT UP ON LAND!

ME?



YES, YOU! UNLESS YOU WANT TO LOSE THE BOAT AND ALL THE PROVISIONS!

NO! I GUESS I DON'T!



WHERE DO I GO NOW?

TO WORK! GET ALL THE TWIGS AND BRUSH YOU CAN FIND! I'LL GET BRANCHES FOR A LEANTO! AND DON'T WASTE ANY TIME!



YOU CAN'T TALK TO ME THAT WAY! I SOB! I WON'T HAVE IT!

THEN MAYBE YOU'D RATHER STAND OUT HERE IN THE STORM! I GUESS I HAD YOU FIGURED RIGHT ALL THE TIME! I DON'T LIKE WORTHLESS WOMAN!

I WAS AS FURIOUS THEN AS THE WIND AND THE RAIN! BUT I WENT TO WORK! I BROKE MY LONG, BEAUTIFUL FINGER-NAI-LS! I SCRATCHED MY SOFT, WHITE HANDS ON TWIGS! AND I WAS SCARED TO THE SKIN! BUT I WORKED!



IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT?

THAT'S IT! BRING MORE!



WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED TO DAD AND WAYNE?

I SAW THEM! THEY WERE CLOSE TO THE LAKE SHORE WHEN THIS HIT! THEY'RE OKAY!



YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, TOO! GET IN THERE!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE! ONLY QUIT PUSHING ME AROUND!

Somewhere DOWN DEEP IN MY HEART, I RATHER ENJOYED BEING PUSHED AROUND! IT HAD NEVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE! BUT I WASN'T GOING TO LET BRAO KNOW IT!



NOW, ISN'T THIS BETTER THAN BEING BLOWN OFF THE ISLAND?

I'M NOT SURE! YOU WEREN'T VERY NICE, YOU KNOW! YOU CALLED ME A WORTHLESS WOMAN!





I TAKE IT BACK / YOU TURNED OUT TO BE WORTH SOMETHING AFTER ALL!

THANKS FOR THE VERY SLIGHT COMPLIMENT!

THE RAIN FINALLY STOPPED! THE STORM WAS OVER EXCEPT THAT THE WATER WAS TOO ROUGH FOR US TO RETURN TO THE HOTEL IN OUR CANOE! I WAS GLAD THAT BRAD HAD SALVAGED OUR PROVISIONS!



HMM! THIS LOOKS GOOD! I'M STARVED!

YOU SHOULD BE! YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD SPORT, TOO, AND I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO TOUGH WITH YOU!



DID I DO ALL RIGHT?

SURE! YOU WERE SWELL BEFORE I HAD YOU PICTURED AS A PAMPERED DOLL. I DON'T LIKE GIRLS LIKE THAT!

I FELT RATHER PROUD OF MYSELF THEN FOR HAVING MET THE EMERGENCY! AND I'LL ADMIT THAT WHEN THE WATER WAS CALM ENOUGH FOR US TO GET BACK TO THE HOTEL, I WAS ALMOST SORRY! DAD AND WAYNE WERE THERE TO MEET US!



GLORIA, DEAR, I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

WHY? WE WERE ALL RIGHT! I WAS IN GOOD HANDS WITH BRAD!



BUT YOU'RE SOAKED TO THE SKIN!

SO WHAT? A LITTLE WATER'S NOT GOING TO HURT ME!



DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D BETTER TAKE A HOT BATH AND GO TO BED?

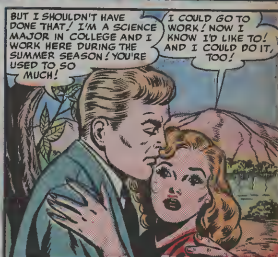
NO, I DO NOT! AND QUIT MAKING SUCH A BABY OF ME!



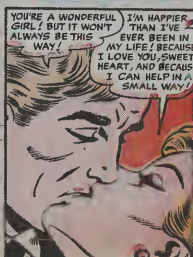
THANKS, BRAD! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

RIGHTO!

Wayne  
HAD TO  
LEAVE US  
THE NEXT  
DAY! I  
WASN'T  
SORRY! MAYBE IT  
WAS  
BECAUSE I  
WANTED  
TO BE  
WITH BRAD  
AGAIN IF I  
COULD! AND THE  
NEXT  
NIGHT...



I DID!  
I BROKE  
OFF WITH  
WAYNE  
SHORTLY  
AFTER THAT!  
AND I  
HAD MY  
MOTHER  
AND DAD  
TO CON-  
VINCE BUT,  
AS USUAL,  
I WON!  
AND MY  
LIFE HAS  
MEANT  
SOMETHING  
SINCE  
THEN!  
JUST  
TONIGHT...



Dear Diary -  
As I read your pages today, I realized how I used to be wor-  
shipped for my usefulness. But it's the usefulness that has made me happy. That and having a husband like Brad. He loves me and admires me. That's much better than being pampered.  
Gloria

# Five Year Diary

THE book that lay on the desk was pretty well worn. Letters that had once been stamped on the leather binding in shining gilt were hardly discernible. ELLEN BRADFORD had been at the top. And below, HER DIARY.

"Five years," thought Ellen as she picked up the diary and started thumbing through its pages, "seems like quite a long time. Especially when I read some of the entries here."

She couldn't help smiling a little as she noticed, near the beginning,

**LAST NIGHT I WENT TO THE CLASS PARTY. NATURALLY I WENT WITH LES.**

"Naturally," Ellen said to herself. "Who else? That was always just taken for granted."

In a town as small as Parkville, there had never been much choice. The members of your class were the kids you'd grown up with and most of your social activities were as a group. Of course, Les had occasionally taken her to a movie and their families would get together for picnics. And once she and her parents had even spent a summer vacation with the Hardings at a lake resort. Les had been just the very closest of friends—nothing more.

Another entry reminded her of how discontent she had been in later days. It was:

Dear Diary, I'll be so glad to get out of school so I can leave Parkville. We never meet anyone interesting here and no young men. I want exciting boy friends and a little romance in my life!

After graduation, Ellen had gone immediately to the city to begin a commercial course during the summer session. Les had written her about his plans for college and would have enjoyed seeing her before he left but she was too busy to make the trip home. Besides, she was meeting new boy friends as she had hoped. And when she finally went to work in a rather large office, she was surrounded by people and particularly by men. And she had lots of dates after that, as the diary recorded. Some romantic. Others dull. But none quite up to her expectations. Once she had imagined herself in love, only to find that the fellow was engaged to someone else.

"And often," Ellen recalled as she continued to read and re-live the moments of her more recent past, "I'd have given anything for an

evening with Les. Somebody I knew I could depend upon."

There were rumors that Les was going steady with a girl he met in college and that he appeared to be quite serious about her. Ellen hated to admit, even to herself, that she felt a pang of jealousy when she heard the news. She had no claim on Les. Besides there had never been anything between them except good friendship and high school memories. But Ellen knew that the girl he loved would be lucky to get such a nice guy.

Ellen Bradford sat holding the diary, still thumbing through the pages. Skipping quite a few. And she was near the end. Her face was serious to the point of looking sad.

"Five years," she mused again, "seems like such a long time at my age. I started these entries early in high school. I've been out now for almost two years. And I've learned a lot. Things didn't turn out quite the way I had expected."

Just a few days before, Ellen had seen Les again for the first time. It was when she came home for her two weeks' vacation. Les was on vacation, too, and he was older and taller and very handsome. He had looked at her strangely at first as if she were someone he had never known. Then he had kissed her and that was when she knew that she loved him and had always loved him. But she realized, too, that he had a sweetheart someplace else. She had asked him about it but Les had refused to answer. He'd tell her about it later, he said.

Ellen sat at the desk, turned a page, and picked up a pen to write. A couple of tears started to run slowly down her cheeks but she brushed them away with her hand. Then she wrote the following:

Dear Diary,

I haven't written in you for three days because I didn't know how to express myself. Now I can. Les' wedding will be a week from today. He told me tonight that he'd found the girl he will always love. My tears are foolish but they're tears of real happiness because I am to be the bride. He has broken off with the other girl by mutual consent. For a while, I will be a college wife but I know we'll always make out all right as long as we can be together. And soon, dear diary, I will put you with my memories. Your five years have ended in happiness.



# FEAR in my Heart

OH, TERRY!  
TERRY! SOBE!  
I'LL NEVER  
FORGIVE  
MYSELF!

THIS IS  
YOUR FAULT,  
LAUREL! YOU'RE  
TO BLAME!



**DEFYING DEATH WAS TERRY SHAW'S LIFE!**  
HIS THRILLING RACING CAR PERFORMANCES  
MEANT EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD TO HIM,  
AND I LEARNED THAT TO LOVE HIM MEANT  
LIVING IN CONSTANT TERROR THAT A  
MOMENTARY SLIP... A CARELESS TURN,  
WOULD BRING A SHATTERING END TO THE  
GLORIOUS LIFE WE HAD PLANNED TO SHARE!

I HADN'T SEEN TERRY SHAW SINCE OUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS! BUT ONE AFTERNOON, MY STUPID, SERIOUS BOYFRIEND INADVERTENTLY BROUGHT US TOGETHER!

Dear Diary--  
Bill's taking  
me to the State  
Fair tomorrow!  
I'll probably  
be bored  
silly as  
usual.

LET'S NOT WASTE  
TIME ON THE MIDWAY.  
LAUREL! WE HAVEN'T  
SEEN ALL THE EDUCATIONAL  
EXHIBITS!

YES, BILL!

WHAT I  
WOULDN'T  
DO TO HAVE  
A BOYFRIEND  
WHO WASN'T SUCH  
A WET BLANKET!



THESE CHEAP,  
SENSATIONAL  
SHOWS DISGUST  
ME!

I WONDER IF THAT'S  
THE SAME TERRY  
SHAW I KNEW IN  
HIGH SCHOOL? LET'S  
SEE THE SHOW, BILL!  
PLEASE!

JIM GATHOR'S  
THRILL SHOW  
FEATURING  
TERRY SHAW  
DEATH-DEFYING  
SPEED DRAGON



I WAS THRILLED WITH TERRY'S PERFORMANCE. THRILLED TO HEAR THE OBJECT OF MY FIRST CRUSH RECEIVE A TREMENDOUS OVATION AS THE SHOW ENDED!

WASN'T THAT EXCITING, BILL? LET'S GO SAY HELLO TO TERRY! I KNOW HE'D BE GLAD TO SEE SOME ONE FROM THE OLD HOME TOWN!

IF YOU INSIST, LAUREL! BUT I DON'T THINK MUCH OF THE IDEA!



AND MOMENTS LATER...

LAUREL CARY! THIS IS GREAT!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D REMEMBER MY NAME, TERRY!



HOW COULD I FORGET? I USED TO HAVE IT SCRAWLED ALL OVER MY LATIN BOOK!

AND I HAD A PICTURE OF YOU PASTED INSIDE MY LOCKER AT GRADY HIGH! BUT THAT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO!



EXCUSE ME, TERRY! JIM WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU IN THE OFFICE!

WE WON'T KEEP YOU! I JUST WANTED TO SAY HELLO!



IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THE FLAME-HAIRED GIRL, WHOM TERRY INTRODUCED AS "FURY", WAS ALMOST AS ANNOYED WITH THE WAY TERRY HELD MY HAND AND LOOKED AT ME, AS BILL WAS!

AWAY MAD! I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON, LAUREL!

DON'T RUN AWAY, TERRY... COME ON, JIM'S IN A HURRY!



WELL, HE CERTAINLY REMEMBERED YOU! I DIDN'T REALIZE HE WAS A CLOSE FRIEND!

HE WASN'T... BUT I ALWAYS WANTED HIM TO BE! I WISH I COULD HAVE TALKED TO TERRY ALONE!

AND, NOT TOO SURPRISINGLY, I GOT MY WISH THE NEXT DAY!



AND I HAD TO CALL ALL THE CARYS IN THE PHONE BOOK! NOW THAT I'VE GOTTEN THE RIGHT ONE, YOU CAN'T SAY NO TO A DINNER DATE!

I WOULDN'T THINK OF SAYING NO, TERRY!



**THAT** EVENING BROUGHT BACK A WEALTH OF PLEASANT MEMORIES! BUT MORE THAN THAT IT WAS THE REALIZATION OF A DREAM I HAD CHERISHED YEARS BEFORE!



IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL, BEING WITH YOU, LAUREL! AND YOU KNOW, I ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT SOMEDAY, SOMEWHERE I'D MEET YOU AGAIN!

I HAD THAT FEELING TOO, TERRY!

AND I ALWAYS PROMISED MYSELF THAT IF THAT DAY EVER CAME, I'D MAKE UP FOR ALL THE TIME WE HAD LOST!

YOU ALWAYS SEEMED TOO SHY TO EVEN TALK TO ME! REMEMBER, TERRY?



MAYBE I WAS AFRAID YOU'D LAUGH AT ME IF I TOLD YOU HOW I FELT ABOUT YOU!

I WOULDN'T HAVE LAUGHED! I... WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH YOU MEANT TO ME!

LAUREL! OH, DARLING!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS REALLY TRUE!



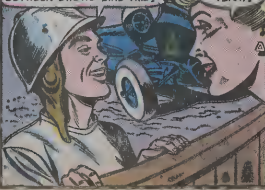
**BUT** IT WAS TRUE! AND THAT KISS ERASED THE YEARS, REMINDING US BOTH THAT A FIRST LOVE IS THE ONLY LOVE!



**I SAW TERRY ALMOST DAILY AFTER THAT!**

WE'RE BOOKED SOLID FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, LAUREL! I HATE TO ASK YOU TO WAIT AROUND BETWEEN SHOWS LIKE THIS!

I WOULDN'T SEE YOU OTHERWISE, TERRY!



BESIDES I GET A TERRIFIC THRILL OUT OF SEEING YOU PERFORM! I FEEL LIKE I'M PART OF AN EXCITING NEW WORLD!

I WANT YOU TO BE PART OF MY WORLD, LAUREL!



Yes, at first I was enthralled with the color and excitement that surrounded Terry! But as my love for him grew!

I WISH I COULD RELAX AND STOP WORRYING ABOUT TERRY! I'M SO AFRAID THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS HIS LUCK WILL RUN OUT!



AND GRADUALLY... I CAN'T HELP IT, TERRY! I LIVE IN MORTAL TERROR THAT SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU!



THAT'S NON-SENSE, LAUREL! I'LL PROBABLY LIVE TO A RIPE OLD AGE AND THEN CHECK OUT BY SLIPPING ON A BANANA PEEL!

DON'T LAUGH AT ME, DEAR! IT'S GOTTEN SO IT'S SHEER TORTURE FOR ME TO SEE YOU STEP INTO THAT CAR!

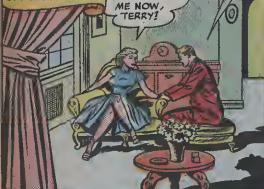
BUT IT'S SECOND NATURE FOR ME, HONEY! PLEASE DON'T WORRY!



BUT THOUGH I FOUGHT AGAINST THE GNAWING FEARS, IT WAS A HOPELESS STRUGGLE! AND ONE NIGHT---

I DON'T KNOW WHY WE'VE WAITED SO LONG, DARLING! I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO MARRY ME LONG AGO!

ARE YOU...ASKING ME NOW, TERRY!



WHAT DO YOU THINK, LAUREL?

I'D BE THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD IF I COULD SAY YES! BUT...I COULDN'T LIVE THIS WAY, TERRY! LIVING IN FEAR, KNOWING I MIGHT LOSE YOU SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT WARNING!



WHAT MAKES YOU SO MORBID, HON? YOU CAN'T BE ASKING ME TO GIVE UP MY JOB?

I...I'D HAVE TO ASK THAT! I WOULDN'T MARRY YOU OTHERWISE!



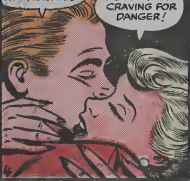
I DON'T WANT A LIFE OF NIGHT-MARES, WAKING UP AT NIGHT AND HEARING THE SCREECH OF BRAKES AND...

YOU'RE...ASKING A LOT OF ME, DEAR!



BUT IF THOSE ARE YOUR TERMS, I HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE! I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU NOW, LAUREL!

YOU WON'T REGRET IT, DARLING! WE'LL BE SO GLORIOUSLY HAPPY, YOU'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT YOUR CRAVING FOR DANGER!





# DIARY LOVES

**TERRY KEPT HIS PROMISE! SOON AFTERWARD HE ACCEPTED A ROUTINE OFFICE JOB WITH A MAIL ORDER COMPANY! BUT THOUGH HE TRIED TO FULFILL HIS PART OF THE BARGAIN, HE WAS LIKE A CAGED BIRD!**

YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR JOB, TERRY... AND YOU'VE BEEN AT IT TWO WEEKS!

WHAT'S THERE TO TELL?

IT'S A JOB, PERIOD! I'M STICKING TO IT, BUT I DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND I'M NOT BORED!

MAYBE WE'D BETTER TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE! WE HAVE LOADS OF PLANS TO MAKE BEFORE OUR WEDDING AND IT'S FUN TO DISCUSS THAT!

WITH EVERY DAY THAT PASSED, TERRY BECAME MORE NERVOUS AND IRRITABLE. FINALLY HE BEGAN MAKING EXCUSES TO CANCEL OUR DATES! AND ONE EVENING...

THIS IS THE THIRD EVENING TERRY'S STAYED AWAY! AND THE THRILL SHOW IS PLAYING IN BROADHURST! I WONDER...?

**IMPULSIVELY, I DROVE TO THE NEARBY SUBURB! ALMOST THE MOMENT I ARRIVED, I HATED MYSELF FOR MY SUSPICIONS!**

I'M A FOOL NOT TO TRUST TERRY! HE'S PROBABLY WORKING TONIGHT!

PARKING

**BUT AS I TURNED TO LEAVE!**

YOU KEEP SKIDDING AGAINST THE CRASH WALL ON THAT SHARP TURN, FURY! HAVE YOU CLOCKED YOUR SPEED ON THAT ONE?

I NEED YOU TO HELP ME WORK OUT THAT STUNT, TERRY!

IN FACT, WE ALL MISS YOU! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE HAPPY, COOPED UP IN THAT STUFFY OFFICE!

WELL, I DO GET LONESOME FOR THE SHOW! I COULDN'T HELP COMING OUT HERE TONIGHT!

YOU CAN STAY HERE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED! YOU CAN GO ON RISKING YOUR NECK AND TELLING HER YOUR TROUBLES FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE! JUST FORGET ABOUT ME!

LAUREL!



DIARY LOVES

SEETHING WITH JEALOUSY, I TOLD TERRY WE WERE THROUGH! AND IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, WITH AN ANGUISHED HEART, I LEARNED TO REGRET MY TEMPER TANTRUM! FOR TERRY TOOK ME AT MY WORD!



I TRIED DATING BILL AGAIN, BUT THE SHADOW OF TERRY WAS ALWAYS BETWEEN US... REMINDING ME OF WHAT HAD BEEN!

I SEE WHERE YOUR "OLD FRIEND" IS BACK WITH THAT THRILL SHOW! THAT TYPE NEVER CHANGES!

HE'S BACK WITH FURY! I'LL NEVER SEE TERRY AGAIN!



AND THEN ONE MORNING, I HAD A SURPRISING VISITOR!

I SUPPOSE YOU'VE COME TO GLOAT OVER YOUR VICTORY!

NO, LAUREL, I'VE COME TO ASK A FAVOR OF YOU!



IN MY BUSINESS, YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO BE DEPRESSED OR NERVOUS! ONE SECOND OF LETTING YOUR MIND STRAY CAN BE FATAL!

WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH ME?



I'M THINKING OF TERRY! SINCE YOU BROKE UP WITH HIM, HE'S BEEN A WRECK! JIM AND I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN... BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SNAP HIM OUT OF IT, LAUREL!



I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN AFRAID FOR HIM... BUT YOU'VE ONLY HURT HIM! HE'S IN NO CONDITION TO DRIVE A CRASH CAR.

I... I NEVER REALIZED... I THOUGHT YOU AND HE...!



TERRY AND I ARE FRIENDS, LAUREL. NOTHING MORE! PERHAPS I'M MORE FORTUNATE THAN TERRY BECAUSE MY FIANCE OWNS THE SHOW. JIM UNDERSTANDS HOW MUCH DRIVING MEANS TO ME!

I WANT TO UNDERSTAND, FURY!



PLEASE HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND! I'VE BEEN SO AFRAID!

YOU'RE COMING WITH ME! WE HAVE JUST TIME ENOUGH TO MAKE THE TWO O'CLOCK SHOW!

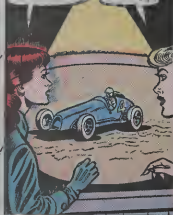


DIARY LOVES

GRATEFUL TO FURY, AND ASHAMED OF MY LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, I HURRIED TO BEG TERRY'S FORGIVENESS! BUT AS WE REACHED THE FAIR-GROUNDS!

WE'RE LATE! I'M ON RIGHT AFTER TERRY'S FIRE JUMP!

BUT LOOK AT HIM! HE ACTS LIKE HE'S IN A DAZE!



OH, TERRY... TERRY, PLEASE BE CAREFUL!



BUT MY PRAYERS FOR TERRY CAME LATE! AS HIS CAR ROARED TOWARD THE FIERY HOOP...

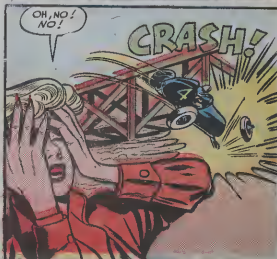
HE CAN'T MAKE IT! HE'LL CRASH INTO THAT...

TERRY!



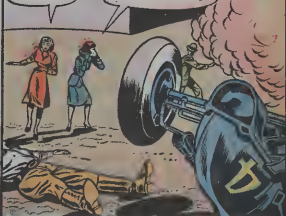
OH, NO! NO!

CRASH!



I'M TO BLAME! OH, TERRY... DARLING!

CALL THE HOUSE DOCTOR, QUICK! GET HIM INTO JIM'S TRAILER!



AND AFTER AGONIZING MINUTES OF SUSPENSE!

THREE BROKEN RIBS, AND MINOR BRUISES! HE'LL BE OUT OF THE SHOW FOR AT LEAST A MONTH!

GO ON, LAUREL! SAY "I TOLD YOU SO"! I SHOULD HAVE QUIT WHEN YOU WANTED ME TO!



NO, TERRY! I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT THIS IS YOUR LIFE! YOU'LL BE BACK WITH THE SHOW SOON... AND I'LL BE HERE BESIDE YOU!

LAUREL! YOU... YOU DON'T MEAN THAT!



OF COURSE SHE MEANS IT, SILLY! NEXT THING YOU KNOW SHE'LL BE WANTING TO CUT IN ON MY ACT!

OH, NO! I'M PLANTING MRS. SHAW IN A NICE, SAFE KITCHEN! ONE SPEED DEMON IS ENOUGH IN MY FAMILY!









# Amazing New Clinical Discovery! For **BAD SKIN**

The same old lonely story — no dates, no parties, no invitations, just a miserable night or two. And all because of a stupid, silly condition.

An understanding mother tried to soothe her distressed daughter, explained to her that Pimples and Blackheads were all part of the story of "maturing," of growing up. But color kids didn't have them, and what good was "maturing" if you couldn't have any fun, or any dates.



A host of blunders were free with plenty of advice, from soap and water to highly applications of goose grease, kerosene and ointment. With each failure to remove her skin condition, came more misery... more loss of self confidence... more and more, more brutal feelings.



Father anguished X-ray as a final treatment. But even X-ray didn't help. More discouraged than ever, she began to be careful of her appearance, like school boys suffered. It was heart-breaking to see her so utterly wretched.



But then the new school nurse suggested VIDERM. Tired to try it on her own, she tried, with as well, she figured. The next morning before going to school, a skin applied her makeup over VIDERM. She noticed that her pimples and blackheads seemed hidden from view. In school, the fellows looked at her differently. The nurse smiled as she passed her in the corridor. Yes, while VIDERM looks invisible, it would be concealing them at the stage time. That certainly is fast double action. That's VIDERM. Now, that her face is in the clear, Katelyn Blair is the loveliest girl.



... the brand new **double action medical discovery** that helps rid your skin of unattractive **PIMPLES • BLACKHEADS • SKIN BLEMISHES** **twice as fast!**

**Conceals and Heals SKIN ERUPTIONS**  
**Even Where ALL Other Previous Treatments Have Failed.**

Is Saturday night your loneliest night? Are you the wallflower that never gets the orchid because your face is beauty poor...lacking the soft feminine sparkle that staggers the stag line? Do unsightly **PIMPLES, BLEMISHES, SKIN ERUPTIONS**, block your path to popularity?

Then your skin needs the **Double Action** power of VIDERM—the new revolutionary scientific discovery that **conceals** as it **heals PIMPLES and BLEMISHES**. Only VIDERM has this two fold action because of two strong reasons:

1. Because VIDERM is flesh colored and opaque, it covers up unpretty skin spots with the very first application.

2. And because VIDERM has a patented anti-septic base it goes to work doubly fast to get at the deep down causes of skin eruptions and helps promote their healing faster and better than any other medication.

At last here is an **Effective Treatment** for your skin problem — a natural looking greaseless ointment that **hides as it dries** and ends them amazingly. VIDERM gives you a work-proof guarantee... a proven promise that it will hide unattractive skin eruptions, dry up sores and act to heal them completely. Here is what the report of the test clinic says in part:

"Most of the patients had been treated for years with various local treatments... Results in this group considering that a large number of them had resisted X-ray and other treatment were **extremely good**."

Now you know that there is real hope for your skin. No matter how many remedies you have tried... no matter how many treatments you have taken, here is your wonderful opportunity to get genuine bonâ fide aid in relieving a pressing personal problem. VIDERM, a boom to beauty-poor skin, is bound to pave a path to popularity for you — dates, new friends, socials, parties, clubs, dances — now they'll all be yours again.

Get a head start on your complexion beauty today. Remember that you can apply your make-up directly over VIDERM, smoother and more even than ever before. Get VIDERM DOUBLE TREATMENT NOW, or send \$2.00 with your name and address to VIDERM, New York Skin Laboratory, 246 Roebeling Street, Dept. P-1, Brooklyn 11, N. Y. VIDERM guarantees your complete satisfaction or your money refunded at once. Either way, get the VIDERM DOUBLE TREATMENT today!

## THE EXCITING BEHIND-THE-SCENES STORY OF VIDERM'S SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

Like many of today's "wonder drugs," VIDERM was discovered during World War II, while searching for a remedy for skin infections caused by a from chemical warfare.

Advanced laboratory technicians observed that this new combination produced an action on extremely varied blemishes far more effectively than the best action of each separate ingredient had ever done before.

Further tests proved the power and effectiveness of this remarkable discovery. Subjected to the most rapid tests imaginable, this rare combination proved its strength over and over again.



The overwhelming success of these tests led a group of outstanding dermatologists to examine this revolutionary development in their day-to-day practice, testing it on their own patients. They too were gratified with the amazing beneficial effects produced by this New Double Treatment Discovery.



A leading state University became interested and used it further in the clinic under its direct supervision. Over 100 in this exciting combination also enjoyed a powerful success aid for blemish skin conditions.

More than 4 years of constant testing and research were needed to produce the new discovery VIDERM — the new medicament ointment that is backed up by laboratory research... clinical tests by a leading state University... its day-to-day office treatment by noted dermatologists — the revolutionary treatment has proved itself over and over again to be the most rapid effective aid in treating Pimples, Blemishes, Skin Eruptions. And VIDERM is its name, so valuable was this discovery that a patent was issued for the U. S. Patent office in Washington, D. C. (U. S. Patent 2,460,219). (A.P.A.N.)



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